

SAYS HE MADE GIFT

Witness Tells of Donating \$250 to Judge Archbald.

GRATEFUL FOR KINDNESS

Was Aided in Prosecuting Lumber Deal in Venezuela.

TESTIFIES BEFORE COMMITTEE

**John H. Jones of Scranton Explains
Business Connection With Mem-
ber of Commerce Court**

John Henry Jones of Scranton, Pa. witness at the inquiry into the charges against Judge Archbald of the Commerce Court, told the House judiciary committee yesterday afternoon that he had presented the judge with \$250 "out of the fullness of his heart" in gratitude for the judge's indorsement of a five-hundred dollar note. The \$250, he said, was half of his own commission in promoting a culm bank sale. The note is the one which, it is alleged, W. P. Roland and his brother refused to discount.

According to Jones' testimony, Judge Archbald took the \$250 without a protest. According to the testimony, also, the note is still unpaid and the \$500 note has cost Jones \$90 in interest, besides discount fees, with the gift of \$250 besides.

Jones denied the testimony of Edward J. Williams, who said Judge Archbald had given Jones a note for \$500 for

Witness Jones said he was connected with the county assessment department at Scranton, Pa.; that he was Welsh by birth, and had been in America nineteen years, living in or near Scranton all of that time. In 1900, he said, he had become interested in the South American lumber proposition which figured in the testimony of Edward J. Williams.

Well Acquainted With Archbald.
 "Did you see Judge Archbald frequently in those days?" asked Representative Webb, acting chairman of the investigating committee.
 "Yes."

"How well did you know him?"
 "Well enough to stop and talk to him every time I saw him."
 "Did you try to get the judge interested in this Venezuelan proposition?"
 "Yes."
 Mr. Webb asked about Edward J. Will

Williams' part in the Venezuelan option. Jones said Williams had put \$275 in the deal, and that the money had been spent in traveling.

"Who was interested in the Venezuelan deal before the judge got into it?" asked the committee chairman.

Jones would not answer. He said he

He would give the list in private, but did not care to have the names advertised. Later he wrote out a list of the men in the deal, and presented them to the committee. He said there is nothing wrong in the deal, but that it is still pending.

"I went to the judge on my own initiative and asked him if he did not want to get in on a good proposition. He did not go in then. I saw him later when I made a trip to England to see about this Venezuelan land and got the judge

Questioned About Williams' Interest
 "When did Williams come on the scene? Did you know him in this transaction?"

"Well," pursued the questioner, "if he was not actively interested at that time how does he become an indorser on the note?"

"He became an indoorer," said Jones, "through some purpose unknown to me. The note was drawn to Judge Archbald and Williams' name was not on it originally. I had intended to discount that note in my bank, but my bank went into the hands of a receiver. Williams then came to me and said William Bo

land would discount the note as a favor to Judge Archbald. I gave the note to him and three days later when the note came back Williams' name was on it. He said the Bolands wanted his name on it."

Representative Webb asked Jones if he knew W. B. C. Boland and C. C. Boland.

"Why was it you made the note to Judge Archbald?"

The witness then told how he had taken the note back from Williams and then to Mr. Von Storch of the Providence Bank, who discounted it.

"Did you know that the Belands had a suit in Judge Archbald's court when this transaction came up?"

Culm Bank Negotiations.

The witness told of negotiating for culm bank property at Pittston, Pa., last March. In this transaction, Jones said he agreed to give Judge Archbald \$250

"I heard of it after I returned from the Venezuela trip," he said. Jones then said that he had never said anything to

Entirely Different Proposition.

"The \$500 note, though, is still outstanding?"

"But that is another proposition entirely," said Jones.

"Was Fred Warnke a coal man?"

"Yes," said Jones, "he is an independent operator."

"Had you heard he was in litigation